



REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 6-8 and amends claims 9 and 10.

Therefore, the present application has pending claims 9 and 10.

Claims 6-8 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Flanagan (U.S. Patent No. 4,674,082). As indicated above, claims 6-8 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 3 of the Office Action that claims 9 and 10 would allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amendments were made to claims 9 and 10 to place them in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 9 and 10 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 9 and 10 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 9 and 10 is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (648.37184X00).

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